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SUBJECT: SAUNDERS INCIDENTS

REFERENCE: PRETORIA 1153

1. DEPARTMENT WILL NOT RPT NOT RELEASE TEXT OF NOTE.
INSTEAD, AF PROVIDING FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE TO PA FOR
USE ON IF-ASKED-BASIS:

"IF ASKED QUESTION: HAS A RESPONSE BEEN RECEIVED FROM
THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT CONCERNING OUR AMBASSADOR'S
PROTEST OVER THE SAUNDERS INCIDENTS?

"ANSWER: THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT RESPONDED IN A
NOTE DATED MARCH 21, EXPRESSING REGRET FOR THE INCIDENTS IN
WHICH MR. AND MRS. SAUNDERS WERE RECENTLY INVOLVED. WE ARE
NOW STUDYING THE RESPONSE AND EXPECT TO PURSUE THE MATTER
FURTHER WITH A VIEW TOWARD PREVENTING THE RECURRENCE OF
SIMILAR INDIGNITIES TO AMERICAN CITIZENS."

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2. DEPARTMENT AGREES WITH EMBASSY COMMENT THAT INCIDENTS

PROVIDE OPENING FOR FURTHER CONSULTATIONS ON TREATMENT OF
AMCITS, BOTH OFFICIAL, AND PRIVATE, IN SOUTH AFRICA AND WILL
WELCOME EMBASSY'S RECOMMENDATIONS ON WAYS TO MAXIMIZE THIS
OPPORTUNITY. DEPARTMENT NOTES IN FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS OF
1973, MORE THAN 400 "NON-WHITE" US CITIZENS ARE RECORDED A
ENTERING SOUTH AFRICA SO POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER PROBLEMS

IS OBVIOUSLY GROWING. WOULD APPRECIATE TEXT OF LIQUOR ACT
BY POUCH ASAP FOR DEPARTMENT'S STUDY. KISSINGER

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